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### **1 — Filming In Dealey Plaza Snarls Downtown Dallas Traffic, KERA, 10/7/2015**

<http://keranews.org/post/filming-dealey-plaza-snarls-downtown-dallas-traffic>

Actor James Franco is in Dallas, shooting the miniseries “11/22/63,” which is based off a Stephen King novel of the same name. It’s about a time traveler who tries to stop President John F. Kennedy’s assassination. To keep the series authentic, the crew is filming in Dealey Plaza. And that means potential star sightings -- and traffic.

### **2 — Navajo ask EPA for rolling mine spill compensation, Greenwire, 10/6/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/10/06/stories/1060025911>

The Navajo Nation requested that U.S. EPA supply formal assurances that "all claims, known and unknown" stemming from the Gold King mine spill will be fully paid out. Navajo Nation Attorney General Ethel Branch raised concerns about EPA's claims process, asking the agency to confirm that accepting compensation does not eliminate the potential for future claims, as tribal members are in need of immediate assistance.

### **3 – Private water well screening set for Parker County, Star-Telegram, 10/6/2015**

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/weatherford-star-telegram/wt-news/article38008284.html>

The Texas Well Owner Network will offer water well screenings in October for Parker County to give residents the opportunity to have their well water screened. The screening is presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in counties in partnership with the Texas Water Resources Institute.

### **4 — Texas plant restarts 1 week after explosion, Greenwire, 10/6/15**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/10/06/stories/1060025913>

A Pasadena, Texas, chemical plant where four workers were burned in an explosion last week

will resume operating even though little has been disclosed about how the facility will ensure safety. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration "released the Pasadena facility to resume operation," SunEdison spokesman Gordon Handelsman said.

#### **5 — Playing politics with people's water along US-Mexico border, Reveal, 10/3/2015**

<https://www.revealnews.org/article/playing-politics-with-peoples-water-along-us-mexico-border/>

Two years ago, the discovery of dangerous bacteria in the drinking water of two working-class communities along the Rio Grande in Texas set off alarms among state regulators and investigators. Their arrival sparked hope among residents that perhaps, finally, something might be done about longstanding problems with their water.

#### **6 — Benzene in traffic emissions tied to childhood leukemia, Reuters, 10/6/2015**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/06/us-health-airpollution-kids-leukemia-idUSKCN0S02Q520151006?feedType=RSS&feedName=healthNews>

Traffic pollution near the home – and specifically, benzene in the air - increases the risk of one type of childhood leukemia, according to a nationwide study in France. Leukemia, or cancer of the blood cells, is the most common cancer among children younger than age 15, according to the U.S. National Cancer Institute.

#### **7 — EPA Officials to Testify at October 8 VW Hearing in Congress, NY Times, 10/6/2015**

[http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/10/06/business/06reuters-volkswagen-emissions-congress-witnesses.html?src=busln&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/10/06/business/06reuters-volkswagen-emissions-congress-witnesses.html?src=busln&_r=0)

Two senior officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will testify on Thursday at a congressional hearing on the Volkswagen AG emissions cheating scandal, the oversight committee said on Tuesday.

#### **8 — Halliburton offers settlements to property owners in lawsuits, Oklahoman, 10/4/2015**

<http://newsok.com/halliburton-offers-settlements-to-property-owners-in-lawsuits/article/5451109>

Some four years after testing found pollution from spent rocket fuel in the groundwater, Halliburton is offering settlements to about 130 property owners after the chemical compound ammonium perchlorate showed up in their private wells.

## **9 – Denton Announces Renewable Energy Plan, Texas Tribune, 10/6/2015**

<http://www.texastribune.org/2015/10/06/denton-announces-renewable-energy-plan/>

Denton announced a lofty plan Tuesday that aims to make the North Texas city one of the cleanest energy providers in the state. Mayor Chris Watts announced a Denton Municipal Electric plan to have 70 percent of the city's electricity generated from renewable sources like wind and solar power by 2019, up from 40 percent.

## **10 — Keystone XL developer seeks different approval for route, New OK, 10/6/2015**

<http://newsok.com/keystone-xl-developer-seeks-different-approval-for-route/article/5451734>

The Canadian company that wants to build the Keystone XL pipeline is taking steps to circumvent one of the major roadblocks in Nebraska. But in seeking approval Monday for the same contentious route through the state, TransCanada could create another round of lengthy delays in an already drawn-out process.

## **11 — New Dietary Guidelines Will Not Include Sustainability Goal, NPR, 10/6/2015**

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2015/10/06/446369955/new-dietary-guidelines-will-not-include-sustainability-goal>

When it comes to eating well, should we consider both the health of our bodies and of the planet? Earlier this year, as we reported, the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee concluded that a diet rich in plant-based foods promotes good health — and is also more environmentally sustainable. And, for the first time, the panel recommended that food system sustainability be incorporated into the federal government's dietary advice.

## **12 — US forecast calls for lower heating bills this winter, Tulsa World, 10/4/2015**

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/energy/us-forecast-calls-for-lower-heating-bills-this-winter/article\\_18ed4c23-e4db-58b6-ad8b-4e0b1da5af6a.html](http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/energy/us-forecast-calls-for-lower-heating-bills-this-winter/article_18ed4c23-e4db-58b6-ad8b-4e0b1da5af6a.html)

Some U.S. households can expect to save hundreds of dollars this winter with a drop in heating bills, thanks to a combination of lower energy prices and warmer weather across most of the country, the U.S. Energy Department predicted Tuesday. The department's annual outlook calls

for lower heating bills, with the biggest savings for those who use propane or oil to heat their homes.

**13-- Regulators urge EPA to start crackdown on NOx emissions, Greenwire, 10/6/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/10/06/stories/1060025922>

Two state regulators' groups and California are calling on U.S. EPA to set a new national limit for nitrogen oxides pollution from big trucks as the agency puts in place a more stringent ozone standard. Emitted by vehicle tailpipes, NOx is a key component of ground-level ozone. The regulators say a lower limit for heavy-duty vehicles would help them achieve the reductions called for under the ozone standard that EPA finalized last week.

**14-- In One Corner Of Dallas County, 100 People Live Without Running Water, KERA, 9/29/2015**

<http://keranews.org/post/one-corner-dallas-county-100-people-live-without-running-water>

Nobody in Sandbranch has a running faucet. A lucky few have wells and small tanks in the backyard. They use that water to flush toilets, maybe wash some clothes. Even when the water is boiled, it's not drinkable. Pastor Eugene Keahey twists the top off the water tank at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, the one remaining community institution here, to reveal green algae in patches the size of a phone book.